

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 1, the top view of the spot formed by the laser beam (which the examiner indicated was confusing) has been eliminated, as has the reference to interface 22, which was not include din the specification.

In Figure 2, previously omitted element 43 has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets for Figures 1 and 2
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes to Figures 1 and 2

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The claims and the specification have been amended to correct grammatical errors, as requested. Likewise, the requested revisions to the title have been made. The drawings have been corrected, as requested. A replacement declaration is included herewith.

The present claims are patentable over Fukuda, US Patent 4904569. The Office Action recognizes that Fukuda does not disclose the use of a saturable absorber but concludes it would have been obvious to substitute same for the disclosed "reversible transmission film". However, such a substitution would not be obvious. The transparency of the reversible transmission film disclosed by Fukuda depends on the quantity of light incident thereon. The net effect thereof is to sharpen or enhance the edges of the pattern being printed on the photoresist layer. However, in the case of the saturable absorber recited in the present claims, transparency depends on the intensity of the light incident thereon, not the quantity. As explained in the specification, the net effect of the saturable absorber is to reduce the size of the beam that passes through to the photoresist layer. Because the qualities of the materials recited in the present claim and the cited reference are different and, further, the results produced by the use of these materials are quite distinct, one could not expect success simply by substituting one for the other. Hence, the present rejections should be removed.

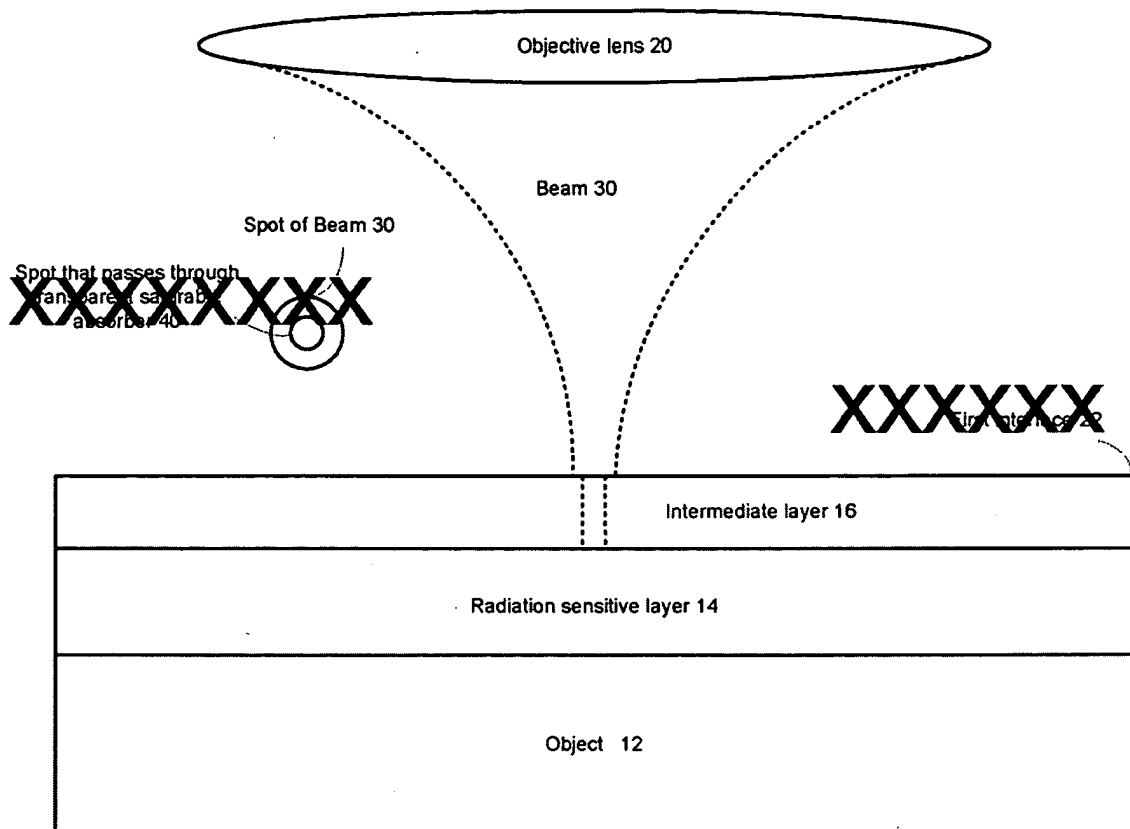
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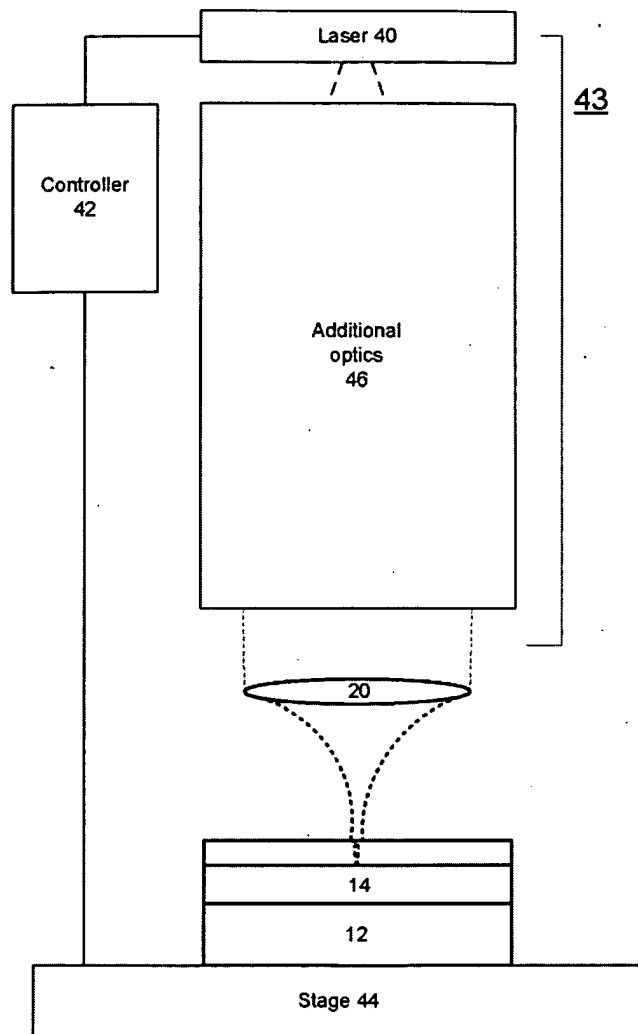
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Fig. 1

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Fig. 2